

**REMARKS**

In the non-final Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 23-31, 39-45, and 47-72 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over MIYASAKA et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,990,633) further in view of EICHSTAEDT et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,381,594 B1) and further still in view of HANDEL et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0035501 A1). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

By way of the present amendment, Applicants amend claims 23, 24, 29, 31, 39, 40, 44, 45, 47-49, 54, 58, 59, 61, 62, and 68 to improve form. No new matter has been added by way of the present amendment. Claims 23-31, 39-45, and 47-72 are pending.

**REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103 BASED ON MIYASAKA ET AL., EICHSTAEDT ET AL.,  
AND HANDEL ET AL.**

Claims 23-31, 39-45, and 47-72 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over MIYASAKA et al. in view of EICHSTAEDT et al. and further in view of HANDEL et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Independent claim 23 recites a method that is performed by one or more server devices. MIYASAKA et al., EICHSTAEDT et al., and HANDEL et al., whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, do not disclose or suggest one or more of the features in Applicants' claim 23.

For example, MIYASAKA et al., EICHSTAEDT et al., and HANDEL et al. do not disclose or suggest, among other features, inserting, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, selected items of news content of the retrieved items of news content, corresponding to an identified number of items to include in the at least one of the plurality of

personalized news sections, into the at least one of the plurality of the personalized news sections of the customized news document, as recited in amended claim 23. The Examiner relies on Fig. 3; column 4, lines 27-43 (which describes Fig. 3); column 5, line 62 – column 6, line 11; column 13, line 55 – column 14, line 11; and column 17, lines 57-67 of MIYASAKA et al. as allegedly disclosing “inserting by one or more processors of the one or more server devices selected items of news content of the retrieved items of news content corresponding to the specified number of news items into the at least one of the plurality of the personalized news sections of the customized news document” (Office Action, pg. 3). The Examiner further relies on paragraphs 0109, 0160-0161, 0166, and 0237 of HANDEL et al. as allegedly disclosing “the number of items to be specified by user” (Office Action, pg. 4). Applicants respectfully submit that neither these sections, nor any other sections, of MIYASAKA et al. and HANDEL et al. disclose or suggest the above feature of claim 23.

At column 4, lines 27-43, which describes Fig. 3, MIYASAKA et al. discloses:

FIG. 3 provides a schematic illustration of a computer network in which various aspects of the present invention may be carried out. In the example shown, news server 5 performs the services described above and illustrated in FIGS. 1A, 1B, 2A and 2B. News server 5 obtains documents by subscription through network 1 from content provider 4 and stores these documents in content database 44. Alternatively or in addition, news server 5 may search for and obtain the content of individual documents from databases or other repositories that are maintained by content provider 4 or others. News server 5 formats the content of these documents to provide to each recipient computer system 7 9 a representation of a customized newspaper having content that may be presented according to recipient preferences. Optionally, news server 5 may send the representation to each recipient according to individual scheduling preferences.

This section of MIYASAKA et al. discloses that a “[n]ews server 5 obtains documents by subscription through network 1 from content provider 4 and stores these documents in content database 44.” This section of MIYASAKA et al. further discloses that “[n]ews server 5 formats the content of these documents to provide to each recipient computer system 7 9 a representation

of a customized newspaper having content that may be presented according to recipient preferences.” MIYASAKA et al. discloses that an individual's personal preferences “includes indications of desired topics for news articles, a selected layout for presentation, and a schedule for providing the newspaper” (column 3, lines 20-25) and does not disclose or suggest that the recipient preferences include a number of news items to include in at least one of a plurality of news sections. Therefore, this section of MIYASAKA et al. cannot disclose or suggest inserting, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, selected items of news content of the retrieved items of news content, corresponding to an identified number of items to include in the at least one of the plurality of personalized news sections, into the at least one of the plurality of the personalized news sections of the customized news document, as recited in amended claim 23.

At column 5, line 62 – column 6, line 11, MIYASAKA et al. discloses:

Individuals having an existing subscription may review current preferences by entering a "user id" and an associated "password" in the spaces-provided and then "clicking" on the "GO" button with a pointing device such as a mouse. In response, news server 5 returns a form such as that shown in FIG. 5G, which gives a registered individual an opportunity to review and modify current preferences. This is discussed in more detail below.

Individuals who wish to register for a new subscription may indicate this by clicking on the "START" button. In response, news server 5 returns one or more forms that allow the individual to enter personal preferences. Examples are shown in FIGS. 5B to 5G. Each of these examples may be implemented as an individual form, or essentially any combination may be implemented as portions of the same form. The order and content of these forms is not critical.

This section of MIYASAKA et al. discloses that a registered individual is given “an opportunity to review and modify current preferences” and “[i]ndividuals who wish to register for a new subscription may indicate this by clicking on the "START" button. In response, news server 5 returns one or more forms that allow the individual to enter personal preferences.” This section

of MIYASAKA et al. does not disclose or suggest that the preferences include a specified number of news items to include in at least one of a plurality of news sections. Therefore, this section of MIYASAKA et al. cannot disclose or suggest inserting, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, selected items of news content of the retrieved items of news content, corresponding to an identified number of items to include in the at least one of the plurality of personalized news sections, into the at least one of the plurality of the personalized news sections of the customized news document, as recited in amended claim 23.

At column 13, line 55 – column 14, line 11, MIYASAKA et al. discloses:

The layouts in FIGS. 9E and 9F include an area designated "AD" in which an advertisement or other notice may be presented. The content of this area may be selected in a manner that is independent of recipient preferences; however, preferably content is selected according to what is estimated to be of greater interest to the recipient. This selection may be based on individual preferences in the recipient profile that are used to search for document content. In a preferred implementation, the recipient is presented with a form during the registration process that requests an indication of advertising category preference and, optionally, one or more keywords. A schematic illustration of a form that may be used for this purpose is shown in FIG. 5I. By obtaining recipient preferences for advertising, news server 5 can incorporate advertisements into each newspaper that are much more relevant or of much greater interest to the recipient. It is anticipated that operators of news server 5 can charge higher fees for such targeted advertising than can be charged possible for generic advertising. These fees can be used to defray costs of providing the newspaper, thereby reducing or eliminating any charge to the recipient.

This section of MIYASAKA et al. discloses that a “recipient is presented with a form during the registration process that requests an indication of advertising category preference and, optionally, one or more keywords.” This section of MIYASAKA et al. further discloses that, “[b]y obtaining recipient preferences for advertising, news server 5 can incorporate advertisements into each newspaper that are much more relevant or of much greater interest to the recipient.” This section of MIYASAKA et al. does not disclose or suggest that the preferences include a number of news items to include in at least one of a plurality of news sections. Therefore, this section of

MIYASAKA et al. cannot disclose or suggest inserting, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, selected items of news content of the retrieved items of news content, corresponding to an identified number of items to include in the at least one of the plurality of personalized news sections, into the at least one of the plurality of the personalized news sections of the customized news document, as recited in amended claim 23.

At column 17, lines 57-67, MIYASAKA et al. discloses:

By arranging the delivery control information in order by absolute delivery time, news server 5 may more easily carry out search, formatting and delivery steps discussed above according to recipient specified delivery schedules. If the recipient has requested delivery of a newspaper document or a list, news server 5 may deliver the document or the list to the intended recipient in essentially any manner such as conventional mail or e-mail; however, delivery by e-mail is generally preferred. Alternatively, the newspaper document or list may be stored and made available for viewing or downloading in response to a request from the recipient.

This section of MIYASAKA et al. discloses that, “[i]f the recipient has requested delivery of a newspaper document or a list, news server 5 may deliver the document or the list to the intended recipient in essentially any manner such as conventional mail or e-mail.” This section of MIYASAKA et al. has nothing to do with a specified number of news items to include in at least one of a plurality of news sections. Therefore, this section of MIYASAKA et al. cannot disclose or suggest inserting, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, selected items of news content of the retrieved items of news content, corresponding to an identified number of items to include in the at least one of the plurality of personalized news sections, into the at least one of the plurality of the personalized news sections of the customized news document, as recited in amended claim 23.

At paragraph 0109, HANDEL et al. discloses:

The NewsPage search system is responsible for giving us the latest news topics related to a target meeting. The system takes all of the keywords from the title portion of the

original meeting text and constructs a query to send to the NewsPage search engine. The keywords are logically combined together in the query. Only articles published recently are retrieved. The NewsPage search system provides a date restriction criteria that is settable by a user according to the user's preference. The top ranking stories are returned to the calendaring system.

This section of HANDEL et al. discloses a system that “takes all of the keywords from the title portion of the original meeting text and constructs a query to send to the NewsPage search engine.” This section of HANDEL et al. further discloses that “[t]he top ranking stories are returned to the calendaring system.” This section of HANDEL et al. has nothing to do with a specified number of news items to include in at least one of a plurality of news sections of a customized news document. Therefore, this section of HANDEL et al. cannot disclose or suggest inserting, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, selected items of news content of the retrieved items of news content, corresponding to an identified number of items to include in the at least one of the plurality of personalized news sections, into the at least one of the plurality of the personalized news sections of the customized news document, as recited in amended claim 23.

At paragraphs 0160-0161, HANDEL et al. discloses:

From a business standpoint, mySite! represents a value-added and innovative way to effectively attract, service, and retain customers. Intention value networks allow a user to enter through a personalized site and, and with the assistance of a learning, intelligent agent, seamlessly interact with network participants. An intention value network in accordance with a preferred embodiment provides superior value. It provides twenty four hour a day, seven days a week access to customized information, advice and products. The information is personalized so that each member views content that is highly customized to assure relevance to the required target user.

#### Egocentric Interface

An Egocentric Interface is a user interface crafted to satisfy a particular user's needs, preferences and current context. It utilizes the user's personal information that is stored in a central profile database to customize the interface. The user can set security permissions on and preferences for interface elements and content. The content integrated into the Egocentric Interface is customized with related information about the user. When

displaying content, the Egocentric Interface will include the relationship between that content and the user in a way that demonstrates how the content relates to the user. For instance, when displaying information about an upcoming ski trip the user has signed up for, the interface will include information about events from the user's personal calendar and contact list, such as other people who will be in the area during the ski trip. This serves to put the new piece of information into a context familiar to the individual user.

This section of HANDEL et al. discloses information that “is personalized so that each member views content that is highly customized to assure relevance to the required target user.” This section of HANDEL et al. further discloses a “user interface crafted to satisfy a particular user's needs, preferences and current context. It utilizes the user's personal information that is stored in a central profile database to customize the interface.” This section of HANDEL et al. does not disclose or suggest that the personal information includes a specified number of news items to include in at least one of a plurality of news sections of a customized news document. Therefore, this section of HANDEL et al. cannot disclose or suggest inserting, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, selected items of news content of the retrieved items of news content, corresponding to an identified number of items to include in the at least one of the plurality of personalized news sections, into the at least one of the plurality of the personalized news sections of the customized news document, as recited in amended claim 23.

At paragraph 0166, HANDEL et al. discloses:

FIG. 10B is a flowchart providing the logic utilized to create a web page within the Egocentric Interface. The environment assumes a web server and a web browser connected through a TCP/IP network, such as over the public Internet or a private Intranet. Possible web servers could include Microsoft Internet Information Server, Netscape Enterprise Server or Apache. Possible web browsers include Microsoft Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator. The client (i.e. web browser) makes a request 1001 to the server (i.e. web server) for a particular web page. This is usually accomplished by a user clicking on a button or a link within a web page. The web server gets the layout and content preferences 1002 for that particular user, with the request to the database keyed off of a unique user id stored in the client (i.e. web browser) and the User profile database 1003. The web server then retrieves the content 1004 for the page that has been requested from the content database 1005. The relevant user-centric content, such as calendar, email, contact list, and task list items are then retrieved 1006. (See FIG. 11 for a more

detailed description of this process.) The query to the database utilizes the user content preferences stored as part of the user profile in the User profile database 1003 to filter the content that is returned. The content that is returned is then formatted into a web page 1007 according to the layout preferences defined in the user profile. The web page is then returned to the client and displayed to the user 1008.

This section of HANDEL et al. discloses that “content that is returned is then formatted into a web page 1007 according to the layout preferences defined in the user profile. The web page is then returned to the client and displayed to the user 1008.” This section of HANDEL et al. does not disclose or suggest that the layout preferences include a specified number of news items to include in at least one of a plurality of news sections of a customized news document.

Therefore, this section of HANDEL et al. cannot disclose or suggest inserting, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, selected items of news content of the retrieved items of news content, corresponding to an identified number of items to include in the at least one of the plurality of personalized news sections, into the at least one of the plurality of the personalized news sections of the customized news document, as recited in amended claim 23.

At paragraph 0237, HANDEL et al. discloses:

The Intelligent Agent Coordinator handles information requests from other agents in order to personalize information intended for each user and to more accurately reflect each user's interests in the information they are given. These requests will commonly be related to the user's profile. For instance, if an agent was preparing a traffic report for a user it may request the traffic region (search string) of that user from the Intelligent Agent Coordinator. All access to the user's profile data is accessed in this method.

This section of HANDEL et al. discloses that “[t]he Intelligent Agent Coordinator handles information requests from other agents in order to personalize information intended for each user and to more accurately reflect each user's interests in the information they are given.” This section of HANDEL et al. has nothing to do with a specified number of news items to include in at least one of a plurality of news sections of a customized news document. Therefore, this



section of HANDEL et al. cannot disclose or suggest inserting, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, selected items of news content of the retrieved items of news content, corresponding to an identified number of items to include in the at least one of the plurality of personalized news sections, into the at least one of the plurality of the personalized news sections of the customized news document, as recited in amended claim 23.

If this rejection is maintained, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner explain how the above sections of MIYASAKA et al. and HANDEL et al. can reasonably be construed as disclosing the above feature of amended claim 23.

The disclosure of EICHSTAEDT et al. does not remedy the deficiencies in the disclosures of MIYASAKA et al. and HANDEL et al. set forth above.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claim 23 is patentable over MIYASAKA et al., EICHSTAEDT et al., and HANDEL et al., whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination.

Claims 24-30 and 68 depend from claim 23. Therefore, these claims are patentable over MIYASAKA et al., EICHSTAEDT et al., and HANDEL et al., whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, for at least the reasons given above with respect to claim 23.

Independent claim 31 recites a news aggregation server. MIYASAKA et al., EICHSTAEDT et al., and HANDEL et al., whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, do not disclose or suggest one or more of the features in Applicants' claim 31.

For example, MIYASAKA et al., EICHSTAEDT et al., and HANDEL et al. do not disclose or suggest a processing unit to execute instructions in memory to identify a manner of ranking news items within the plurality of personalized news sections, where the identified

manner of ranking news items for one personalized news section of the plurality of personalized news section differs from the identified manner of ranking news items for another personalized news section of the plurality of personalized news sections, as recited in claim 31. The Examiner relies on column 9, lines 17-28 of MIYASAKA et al. as allegedly disclosing “a processing unit to execute the instructions in memory to receive an indication from the user specifying a manner of ranking news items within the plurality of personalized news sections where the user-specified manner of ranking news items for one personalized news section of the plurality of personalized news section differs from the user-specified manner of ranking news items for another personalized news section of the plurality of personalized news sections” (Office Action, pp. 7-8). Applicants respectfully submit that neither this section, nor any other section, MIYASAKA et al. discloses or suggests the above features of claim 31.

At column 9, lines 17-28, MIYASAKA et al. discloses:

The results of the search may be used to derive a measure of recipient interest, which is an estimate of the degree to which a specific document has content that will appeal to an individual. Essentially any combination of several factors may be taken into account.

One factor is the relative priority of the topic. If an individual is allowed to rank topics such as that discussed above and shown in FIG. 5B, a document having content that pertains to the highest rated topic will be given a higher measure of interest than will be given to a document with content that pertains to a lower ranked topic, all other factors being equal.

This section of MIYASAKA et al. discloses that, “[i]f an individual is allowed to rank topics..., a document having content that pertains to the highest rated topic will be given a higher measure of interest than will be given to a document with content that pertains to a lower ranked topic.”

This section of MIYASAKA et al. does not disclose that an identified manner of ranking news items for one personalized news section of a plurality of personalized news section differs from an identified manner of ranking news items for another personalized news section of a plurality

of personalized news sections. In fact, this section of MIYASAKA et al. does not disclose identifying a manner of ranking news items for a personalized news section. Therefore, this section of MIYASAKA et al. does not disclose or suggest a processing unit to execute instructions in memory to identify a manner of ranking news items within the plurality of personalized news sections, where the identified manner of ranking news items for one personalized news section of the plurality of personalized news section differs from the identified manner of ranking news items for another personalized news section of the plurality of personalized news sections, as recited in claim 31.

If this rejection is maintained, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner explain how the above sections of MIYASAKA et al. can reasonably be construed as disclosing the above feature of claim 31.

The disclosures of EICHSTAEDT et al. and HANDEL et al. do not remedy the deficiencies in the disclosure of MIYASAKA et al. set forth above.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claim 31 is patentable over MIYASAKA et al., EICHSTAEDT et al., and HANDEL et al., whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination.

Claims 69 and 70 depend from claim 31. Therefore, these claims are patentable over MIYASAKA et al., EICHSTAEDT et al., and HANDEL et al., whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, for the reasons given above with respect to claim 31.

Independent claim 39 recites similar features to the features of claim 23. Therefore, claim 39 is patentable over MIYASAKA et al., EICHSTAEDT et al., and HANDEL et al., whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, for at least reasons similar to the reasons

given above with respect to claim 23.

Claims 71 and 72 depend from claim 39. Therefore, these claims are patentable over MIYASAKA et al., EICHSTAEDT et al., and HANDEL et al., whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, for the reasons given above with respect to claim 39.

Independent claims 40 and 54 recite similar features to the features of claim 31. Therefore, these claims are patentable over MIYASAKA et al., EICHSTAEDT et al., and HANDEL et al., whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, for at least reasons similar to the reasons given above with respect to claim 31.

Claims 41-45 and 47-53 depend from claim 40. Therefore, these claims are patentable over MIYASAKA et al., EICHSTAEDT et al., and HANDEL et al., whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, for the reasons given above with respect to claim 40.

Claims 55-63 depend from claim 54. Therefore, these claims are patentable over MIYASAKA et al. and EICHSTAEDT et al., whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, for at least the reasons given above with respect to claim 54.

Independent claim 64 recites a method that is performed by one or more server devices. MIYASAKA et al., EICHSTAEDT et al., and HANDEL et al., whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, do not disclose or suggest one or more of the features recited in claim 64.

For example, MIYASAKA et al., EICHSTAEDT et al., and HANDEL et al. do not disclose or suggest receiving, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, a first user search query; searching, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, indexed news content based on the first user search query to obtain a first set of related news

items; and populating, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, only a first news section of a plurality of news sections of the news document with the first set of related news items. The Examiner relies on Fig. 3; column 4, lines 27-43 (which describes Fig. 3); column 5, line 62 – column 6, line 11; column 9, lines 22-28; column 13, lines 1-7; column 13, line 55 – column 14, line 11; and column 17, lines 57-67 of MIYASAKA et al. as allegedly disclosing this feature of claim 64 (Office Action, pg. 23). Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's interpretation of MIYASAKA et al.

As noted above, at column 4, lines 27-43, which describes Fig. 3, MIYASAKA et al. discloses that a “[n]ews server 5 obtains documents by subscription through network 1 from content provider 4 and stores these documents in content database 44.” This section of MIYASAKA et al. further discloses that “[n]ews server 5 formats the content of these documents to provide to each recipient computer system 7 9 a representation of a customized newspaper having content that may be presented according to recipient preferences.” This section of MIYASAKA et al. does not disclose populating only a first news section of a plurality of news sections of the news document with the documents. Therefore, this section of MIYASAKA et al. cannot disclose or suggest receiving, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, a first user search query; searching, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, indexed news content based on the first user search query to obtain a first set of related news items; and populating, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, only a first news section of a plurality of news sections of the news document with the first set of related news items, as recited in claim 64.

As noted above, at column 5, line 62 – column 6, line 11, MIYASAKA et al. discloses that a registered individual is given “an opportunity to review and modify current preferences” and “[i]ndividuals who wish to register for a new subscription may indicate this by clicking on the "START" button. In response, news server 5 returns one or more forms that allow the individual to enter personal preferences.” This section of MIYASAKA et al. does not disclose or suggest populating only a first news section of a plurality of news sections of the news document with a first set of news items. Therefore, this section of MIYASAKA et al. cannot disclose or suggest receiving, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, a first user search query; searching, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, indexed news content based on the first user search query to obtain a first set of related news items; and populating, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, only a first news section of a plurality of news sections of the news document with the first set of related news items, as recited in claim 64.

As noted above, at column 13, line 55 – column 14, line 11, MIYASAKA et al. discloses that a “recipient is presented with a form during the registration process that requests an indication of advertising category preference and, optionally, one or more keywords.” This section of MIYASAKA et al. further discloses that, “[b]y obtaining recipient preferences for advertising, news server 5 can incorporate advertisements into each newspaper that are much more relevant or of much greater interest to the recipient.” This section of MIYASAKA et al. does not disclose or suggest populating only a first news section of a plurality of news sections of the news document with a first set of news items. Therefore, this section of MIYASAKA et al. cannot disclose or suggest receiving, by one or more processors of the one or more server

devices, a first user search query; searching, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, indexed news content based on the first user search query to obtain a first set of related news items; and populating, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, only a first news section of a plurality of news sections of the news document with the first set of related news items, as recited in claim 64.

As noted above, at column 17, lines 57-67, MIYASAKA et al. discloses that, “[i]f the recipient has requested delivery of a newspaper document or a list, news server 5 may deliver the document or the list to the intended recipient in essentially any manner such as conventional mail or e-mail.” This section of MIYASAKA et al. has nothing to do with populating only a first news section of a plurality of news sections of the news document with a first set of news items. Therefore, this section of MIYASAKA et al. cannot disclose or suggest receiving, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, a first user search query; searching, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, indexed news content based on the first user search query to obtain a first set of related news items; and populating, by one or more processors of the one or more server devices, only a first news section of a plurality of news sections of the news document with the first set of related news items, as recited in claim 64.

If this rejection is maintained, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner explain how the above sections of MIYASAKA et al. can reasonably be construed as disclosing the above feature of claim 64.

The disclosures of EICHSTAEDT et al. and HANDEL et al. do not remedy the deficiencies in the disclosure of MIYASAKA et al. set forth above.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claim 64 is patentable over MIYASAKA et al., EICHSTAEDT et al., and HANDEL et al., whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination.

Claims 65-67 depend from claim 64. Therefore, these claims are patentable over MIYASAKA et al., EICHSTAEDT et al., and HANDEL et al., whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, for at least the reasons given above with respect to claim 64.

### **Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

As Applicants' remarks with respect to the Examiner's rejections overcome the rejections, Applicants' silence as to certain assertions by the Examiner in the Office Action or certain requirements that may be applicable to such assertions (e.g., whether a reference constitutes prior art, reasons for modifying a reference and/or combining references, assertions as to dependent claims, etc.) is not a concession by Applicants that such assertions are accurate or that such requirements have been met, and Applicants reserve the right to dispute these assertions/requirements in the future.



To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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